



Shakopee Area Catholic School  
Writing Standards and Benchmarks  
Grade Level: 7

### Writing Skills

- ▶ The student will employ a wide range of ideas.
  - Brainstorm ideas for prewriting
  - Generate lists of self-knowledge or suggestions given by teacher
  
- ▶ The student will apply different organizational strategies in their writing.
  - Create outlines from note cards
  - Draw out lists for topics from writing
  - Use check lists to make sure all topics are covered
  - Draft a rough copy
  - Write out a five paragraph essay, plan and work with the structure of a topic sentence, then illustrate the meaning of the essay (Hex essays)
  - Research the features of countries in Africa and the Middle East to construct a five paragraph research essay using Thea Holtan as a resource
  - Create descriptive paragraphs, working with the structure of an introduction, topic sentence, transition and closure
  - Create a friendly letter
  - Publish autobiographical incidents using detail and logical order
  - Writes in response to literature to describe an initial impressions of a text, connecting knowledge from a text with personal knowledge and reflections
  - Reflect weekly in a life book, using writing prompts given by the instructor, or creating their own topics
  
- ▶ The student will express appropriate voice in their writing.
  - Analyze the audience and write effectively towards that audience
  - Share stories of their own personal experiences
  
- ▶ The student will create pictures with their writing using effective word choice.
  - Detect various kinds and forms of nouns
  - Recognize various kinds of verbs and their regular and irregular forms
  - Distinguish the kinds of adjectives and adverbs, their proper placement in sentences and their use in comparisons
  - Practice the various forms of pronouns and use them effectively
  
- ▶ The student will examine the fluency of their sentences in written work.
  - Analyze the structure of simple, compound and complex sentences
  - Correct sentence fragments and run-ons

- ▶ The student will apply Standard English conventions.
  - Distinguish capitalization in prose as well as in special cases such as place names, titles, quotes, abbreviations and titles
  - Know how to appropriately use different punctuation
  
- ▶ The student will present their writing in diverse formats.
  - Handwrite or word process
  - Illustrate their written work
  - Create a book, bounded for a keepsake